

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re the Application of:**

Efimov, et al.

**Serial No.: 10/072,975**

**Filed: 9 FEB 2002**

**For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE ANALOGUES,  
METHODS OF SYNTHESIS, AND  
METHODS OF USE**

**Examiner:** Riley, J.

**Art Unit: 1637**

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION :

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the non-final Office Action dated 9 October 2003. A petition (including payment) for a one-month extension of time accompanies this paper, thereby extending until 9 October 2003 the period for making a timely reply.

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(37 CFR 1.8(a))

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